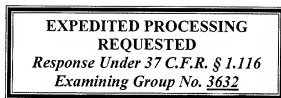


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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL UNDER RULE 116

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on May 31, 2006 (the "Office Action"), Applicants make the following amendments and submit the remarks appearing after the amendments. The amendments are either formalistic in nature or merely adopt suggestions made by the Examiner in the Office Action.

Although Applicants believe no fees are necessary, this is a conditional petition for any extension needed and an authorization to charge any missing fees to Deposit Account No. 23-2126.